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SUBJECT: PROPOSED US/FRG ANTITRUST COOPERATION AGREEMENT

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1. TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED MEETING FOR DECEMBER 17 BETWEEN
US AND GERMAN ANTITRUST OFFICIALS RE US/FRG ANTITRUST
COOPERATION AGREEMENT DID NOT RPT NOT TAKE PLACE. CONSE-
QUENTLY, GERMANS SUGGESTED THAT FINAL NEGOTIATING MEETINGS
TAKE PLACE IN WASHINGTON DURING APRIL 1976.

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2. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ADVISES THAT A SLIGHTLY REVISED TEXT OF AGREEMENT WILL BE SENT TO ECONOMICS MINISTRY AND FEDERAL CARTEL OFFICE PRELIMINARY TO APRIL MEETINGS.

3. ACTION BONN: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO INFORM FOREIGN MINISTRY BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE THAT USG IS AGREEABLE TO STARTING FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS ON ANTITRUST COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH FRG IN WASHINGTON BEGINNING APRIL 5 AND LASTING FOR APPROXIMATELY TWO DAYS. REFERENCE MAY BE MADE TO GERMAN EMBASSY AIDE MEMOIRE DELIVERED NOVEMBER 25, 1975 TO THE OFFICE OF BUSINESS PRACTICES IN DEPARTMENT PROPOSING FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS ON THE AGREEMENT. COPY OF NOTE SHOULD BE SENT SIMULTANEOUSLY TO KLAUS STAHL, MINISTRY OF

ECONOMICS AND MR. GUNTHER, FEDERAL CARTEL OFFICE IN BERLIN. DEPARTMENT WILL SEPARATELY INFORM GERMAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON OF PROPOSED MEETING. PLEASE CONFIRM BY TELEGRAM AGREEMENT FOR APRIL 5-6 MEETING DATES AND FURNISH NAMES OF FRG OFFICIALS WHO WILL ATTEND. KISSINGER

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